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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE

THIAZOLIDINE OR OXAZOLIDINE COMPOUNDS BY A YEAST REDUCTASE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.